

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Apr 58	2. LOCATION DONALDSONVILLE, LA. LOUISIANA LAKE CHARLES, LA. Monroe-Baton Rouge, La		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 7:29 A.M. GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION & vicinity <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) Flaming obj traveling at an extremely high rate of speed. It broke into two separate bodies about 5 secs after the 1st observation, & was completely consumed in flames about 10 secs after 1st sighting. Obj was a light blue color at first and turned to blue-green when the flame increased. 2) Teardrop shaped obj, size of pea, color around edges a bright silver & in center a bluish silver. 3) Obj which broke up into 4 or more 5 parts while emitting a bluish white flame.		11. COMMENTS All characteristics of bolide.	

Witness

10/13272

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/UNCLASS/ FR CFEIN-01 459. REFERENCE

ADC MSG ADODI-5526, THE FOLG IS A PRELIMIN-

ARY UFOB REPT WHICH WILL BE FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED IN DETAIL

BY A REPT FROM THE 35TH ADIV: "637TH ACB STATION AT HOUNA,
LA, RECD A CALL FR NAVY JET 3706. WHILE TRAVELING WEST, PILOT

SPOTTED OBJECT ON A 227 DEGREE HEADING. OBJECT BROKE UP

INTO FOUR OR FIVE PARTS WHILE EMITTING A BLUISH-WHITE FLAME.

LOCATIN OF SIGHTING: OVER DONALDEVILLE, LA. AT 17/13272,

122 53. OBJECT WAS BETWEEN 28,200 AND 40,200 FEET. THE

NAVY JET WAS OUT OF PENSACOLA NAVAL AIR STATION.

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Good Clues!
(Typical
Bulb)

1327-6

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7:27 AM (EST)

Check with Spent II
Onsite data: for
that time

Not Spent

Astro (Kilite) See
Dr. Olivers file

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10/13202

17/13202
11:44 PM

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DO RJEDBN COMER ABC ENT AFB COLO

DO RJFNK COMER 331B AFB DEF TINKER AFB

DO RJEDSO/COMER AIR TECH INTEL CNTR WPAFB

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DO RJEDBN OFFIC OF INFO SVC HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

UNCLASSIFIED/DO 2024. SUBJ: "UTO" (PAF 15, AFB 212-2)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

1. FRADROP SHAPED. *Balloon characteristic*

2. COMPARED IN LENGTH OF THE DIAMETER OF A PEA HELD AT ARMS LENGTH
APPROXIMATELY 1/2 AS THICK IN LENGTH.

3. COLOR-AROUND EDGE A BRIGHT SILVER AND IN CENTER A SILVER
SILVER.

4. NUMBER ONE

5. N/A

6. NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS OTHER THAN SHAPE AND
COLOR.

7. NO TRAIL, EXHAUST OR SMOKE.

8. NO SOUND.

9. NO OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES.

10. DESCRIPTION OF COMING OF OBJECT:

1. CHANCE CLANG INTO THE SKY ABOVE REAR OF BUILDING FIRST
DREW ATTENTION TO OBJECT.

2. 3-35 MIN ELEVATION AND DEPT OF (THE TO THE)
TOWER WHEN FIRST OBSERVED.

3. APPROXIMATE ESTIMATED LOCATION OF THE OBJECT

Note: quick glance

330) AND INCREASED ALTITUDE UPON DISAPPEARING.

1. STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT (POSSIBLY DECREASING ALTITUDE).

2. OBJECT DISAPPEARED INSTANTANEOUSLY WHEN BLOCKED FROM SIGHT
BY A BUILDING AT APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES AZIMUTH, TO NAME (movement of object
west to east)

3. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR 2-3 SECONDS

4. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

5. GROUND-VISUAL.

6. NO OPTICAL AIDS.

7. N/A.

8. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

9. 3000 TO APRIL 1958. 1320-6 = 0720

10. DAYLIGHT.

11. OBSERVER WAS CROSSING FROM WEST TO [REDACTED] OF

[REDACTED], CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LA. HE OBSERVED

OBJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES OF FLIGHT UNTIL IT WAS

BLOCKED FROM SIGHT BY BUILDINGS ON EAST SIDE OF STREET.

12. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

13. CIVILIAN [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED]

LAKE CHARLES, LA. OCCUPATION ENGINEERING AID, [REDACTED]

14. ASSOCIATES CIVIL ENGINEERS, LAKE CHARLES, LA.

15. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

16. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS-CLEAR SKY, LITTLE

OR NO SURFACE WIND, SUN SHINING.

17. REPORT FROM LAKE CHARLES AFB WEATHER STATION ON WINDS

ALOFT:

18. SURFACE WIND AT 8 STATIONS

19. FT - 1000

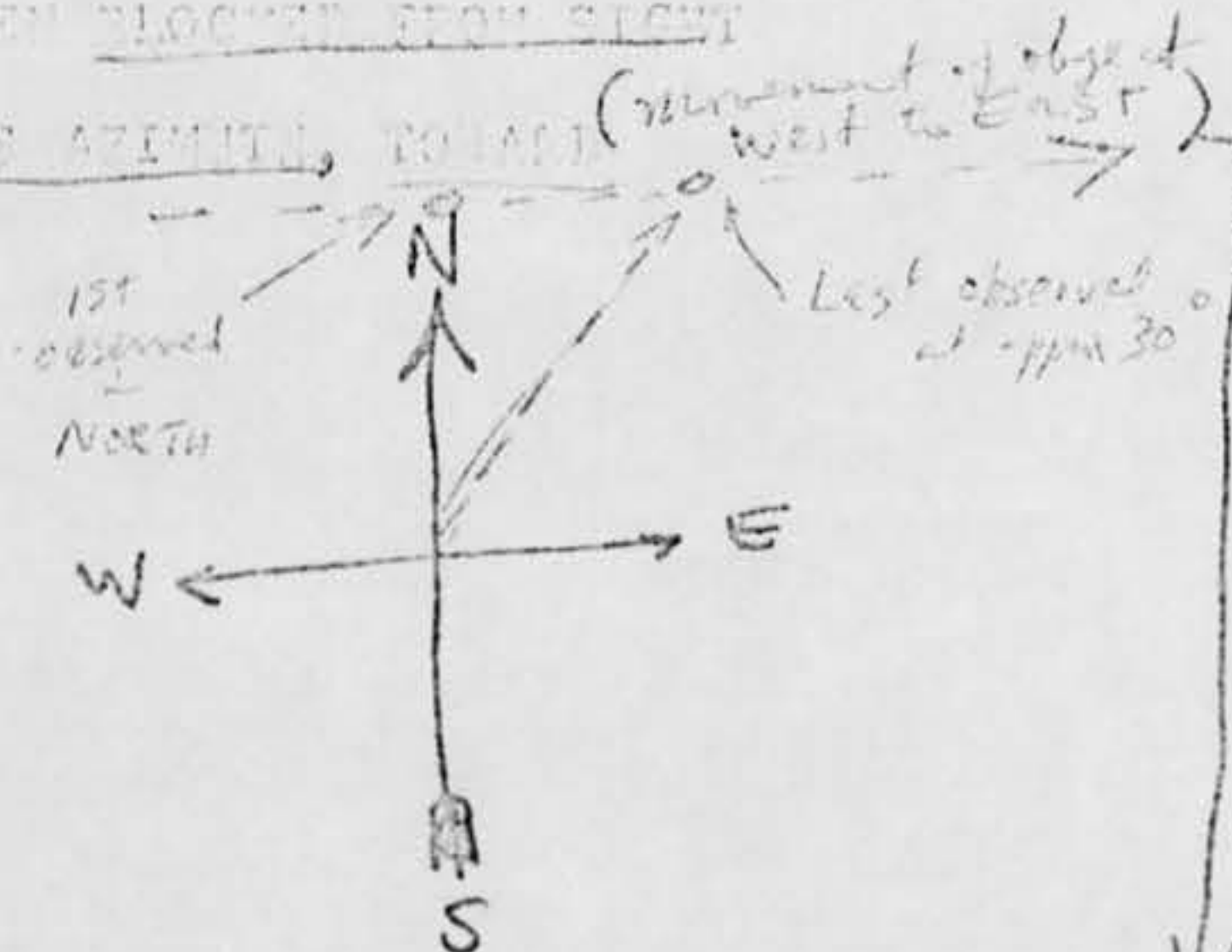
20. FT - 1400

21. FT - 1800

22. FT - 2200

23. FT - 2600

24. FT - 3000



Note wind direction

Winds -
West to East

4. CHILLING - NONE.

5. VISIBILITY - 10 MILES.

6. CLOUD COVER - NONE.

7. H/A.

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE KNOWN.

11. AIR BASE GROUP STAFF OPERATIONS OFFICER: BASE ON WINDS ALOFT AND DIRECTION OF FLIGHT OF OBJECT IT IS POSSIBLE OBJECT WAS A BALLOON OR SIMILAR OBJECT RELEASED AT SOME STATION WEST OF LAKE CHARLES. THERE WERE NO WEATHER BALLOON RELEASES AT LAKE CHARLES WITHIN TWO HOURS OF THE REPORTED SIGHTING. OBJECT ^{ATTC} ^{Conclusion:} BALLOON COULD ALSO HAVE BEEN A HIGH FLYING JET AIRCRAFT.

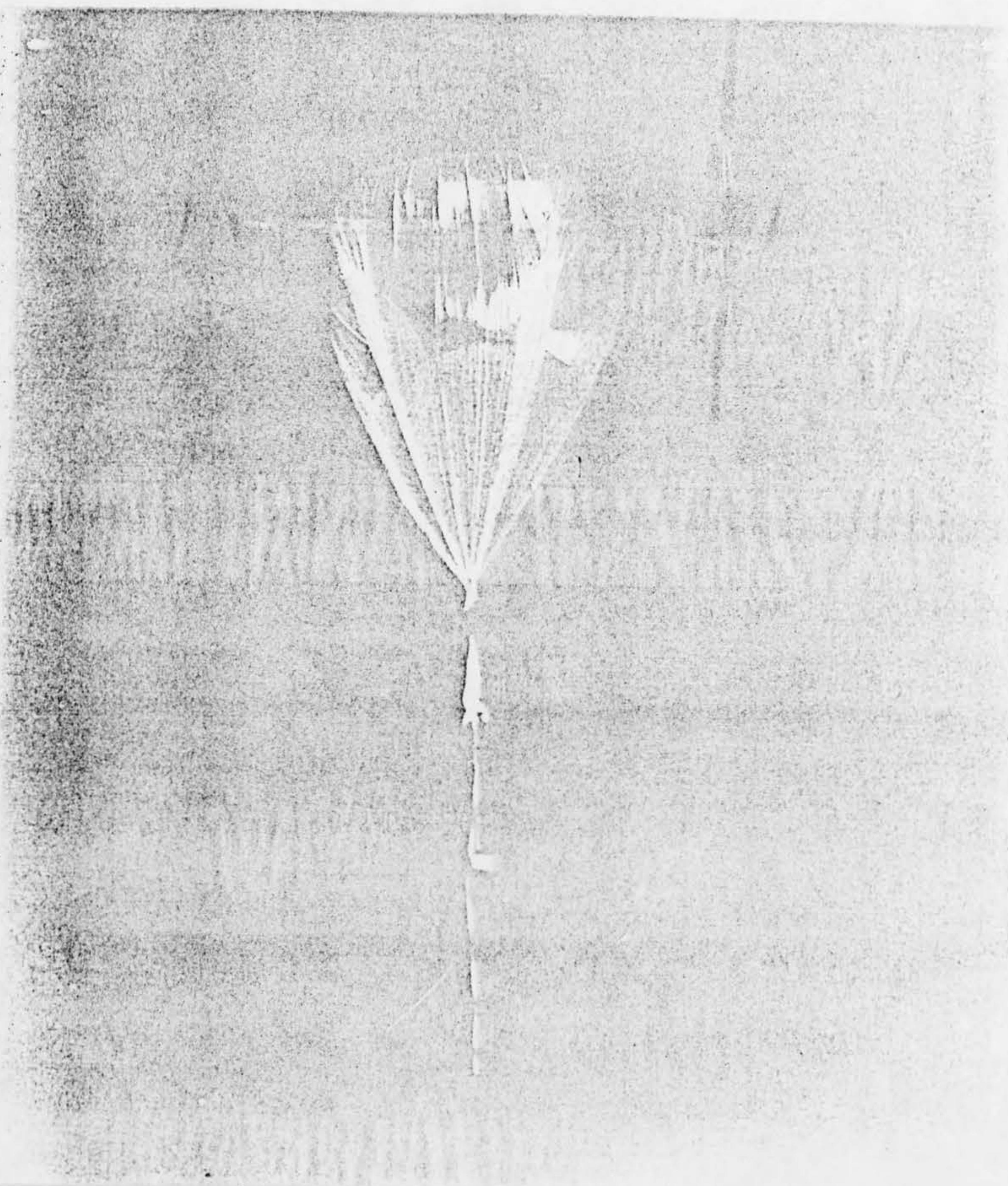
12. NONE.

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11/13/67 AFB JESKID

Conclusion:

- ① Object had balloon characteristics (see photo in file)
- ② moved with the wind
- ③ Short sighting duration was due to buildings which blocked view.



Multi Observed with Sm. Astrophys. 025 - acct no 335-07-19
8:24 AM ST Confirmed: Probable Bolide

ATLANTA, APRIL 10--(UP)--THREE CREWMEN OF A DELTA AIR LINES DC-7
REPORTED THAT THEY WITNESSED OVER BATON ROUGE, LA., EARLY TODAY, WHAT
THEY BELIEVED TO BE THE DEATH OF SPUTNIK II.

THE CREW HEADED BY CAPT. [REDACTED] OF DALLAS, AS A FLAMING OBJECT
TRAVELLING ON COURSE AT AN EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF SPEED IN A SOUTH-
EASTERN DIRECTION.

"IT BROKE INTO TWO SEPARATE BODIES ABOUT FIVE SECONDS AFTER THE FIRST
OBSERVATION," [REDACTED] SAID. "AND IT WAS COMPLETELY CONSUMED IN FLAME
ABOUT 10 SECONDS AFTER WE FIRST SAW IT."

"THE ONLY OBSERVATION WAS THAT IT WAS THE BREAKING UP OF THE

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INSERT AFTER 4TH PGM SPUTNIK II ATLANTA & END OF SPUTNIK II."
THEY SAID THEY SAW THE OBJECT AT 7:29 A.M. CDT.

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THEY AND THREE PASSENGERS AGREED WITH [REDACTED] ON DESCRIPTION OF THE
BURNING OBJECT IN THE SKY.

"WE WERE ABOVE THE OVERCAST AND BELIEVE THE OBJECT TURNED ITSELF
OUT," [REDACTED] SAID. "WE WERE MUCH TOO HIGH TO OBSERVE THE OBJECT TOUCHING
GROUND."

HE SAID THE OBJECT WAS A LIGHT BLUE COLOR AT FIRST AND TURNED TO
BLUE-GREEN WHEN THE FLAME INCREASED.

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Here's another! See
PAA Case, (4457), but
Western Union Case (4457) -
Others → all same!

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URGENT

INSERT SPUTNIK II ATLANTA AFTER 2ND PGM & K X
SOUTHEASTERN DIRECTION.

BUT SCIENTISTS AT THE SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY IN
CAMBRIDGE, MASS., SAID SPUTNIK II WAS SOMEWHERE OVER THE SOUTH
PACIFIC AT THE TIME OF THE REPORTED SIGHTING. THEY STOOD BY AN
EARLIER PREDICTION THAT THE SATELLITE WOULD COME TO EARTH SATURDAY
AFTERNOON OR EVENING.

WHAT WAS PRESUMABLY THE SAME OBJECT WAS SEEN BY THE PILOT OF A
B47 JET BOMBER FLYING NEAR MONROE, LA., AND THE PILOT OF A T33
JET TRAINER FROM KEESLER AFB, MISS. THE LATTER SAID IT BROKE IN TWO
AND LOOKED LIKE A "MISSILE."

THE SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED TO THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER AT
NEW ORLEANS, WHICH REFERRED THEM TO THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT SERVICE
AT MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, MONTGOMERY, ALA., FOR FURTHER CHECKING.

[REDACTED] OF WESSON, MISS., REPORTED HEARING AN EXPLOSION AT
ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

A PATHWAY, LA., HOUSEWIFE, MRS. [REDACTED] 54, REPORTED
SEEING AN OBJECT GOING WEST TO EAST IN SOUTH-CENTRAL LOUISIANA. SHE
SAID THE OBJECT WAS "BRILLIANT TURQUOISE GLORED" AND WAS VISIBLE
LESS THAN FIVE SECONDS.

DR. [REDACTED] DIRECTOR OF THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OBSERVATORY,
DOUBTED THE OBJECT WAS AN EARTH SATELLITE.

HE SAID IT COULD HAVE BEEN A WEATHER BALLOON OR A METEORITE.

Concern! high speed! CF. 5424/10

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FOLO SPUTNIK SIGHTING ATLANTA

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., APRIL 10.--(UP)--SCIENTISTS AT SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY SAID THAT A FLAMING OBJECT SEEN BY THREE AIRLINE CREWMEN NEAR BATON ROUGE, LA. TODAY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RUSSIAN SATELLITE SPUTNIK II.

A SPOKESMAN AT THE OBSERVATORY SAID SPUTNIK WAS SOMEWHERE OVER THE SOUTH PACIFIC AT 8:29 A. M. EST, THE TIME THE CREWMEN SAW A FLAMING OBJECT BREAK IN TWO AND BURN UP.

SMITHSONIAN PREDICTED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE RUSSIAN MOON WOULD PLUNGE TO EARTH SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING AND THAT ITS PREDICTION WAS UNCHANGED TODAY.

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ADD SPUTNIK II ATLANTA & X X THE FLAME INCREASED.

THE PASSENGERS WHO SAW THE FIERY BREAK-UP WERE [REDACTED] OF HOUMA, LA.; [REDACTED] OF (1 [REDACTED] AVE.) METAIRIE, LA.; AND [REDACTED] OF (1 [REDACTED] AVE.) BATON ROUGE.

THE PLANE WAS ON A NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM NEW ORLEANS TO DALLAS.
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95 NM--RE [REDACTED] DO [REDACTED] IT TALKED WITH U.S. EMBASSY AT HAVANA TSM. SILVER WAS IN ANDERSON'S OFC AT TIME & ARRANGING BEING MADE FOR HIS RETURN NM--LA1223P4/10